

City of Palm Coast, Florida

Agenda Item

Agenda Date: August 15, 2023

Department	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Amount
Division	PLANNING	Account #
Subject:	RESOLUTION 2023-XX APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2023 (FY 2023/24) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN	
Presenter:	Jose Papa, AICP, Senior Planner	
Attachments:	1. Resolution 2. CDBG Annual Action Plan	
Background:	Council Priority: C. Safe and Reliable Service <u>UPDATED BACKGROUND FROM THE JUNE 8, 2023, WORKSHOP:</u> City Council received a presentation on this item at their June 8, 2023, Workshop Meeting. There were no changes suggested to this item. <u>ORIGINAL BACKGROUND FROM THE JUNE 8, 2023, WORKSHOP:</u> The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program started in 1974 in order to provide funding for housing and community development. Activities or Programs funded by CDBG funds must meet one of the following the National Objectives of the Program: 1) Benefit low- and moderate-income persons (LMI) 2) Prevent or eliminate slum or blight 3) Address urgent community development needs (Emergency) As an entitlement community, the City of Palm Coast will be eligible to receive an annual allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Historically, CDBG funds have been used for various community development activities such as: • Housing Programs, • Public Services (Limited to 15% of Grant), • Public Infrastructure/Facilities (In Qualified Areas based on Census or benefits area 51% or greater LMI Area), • Economic Development, and • Planning/Administration/Monitoring of the Program (limited to 20% of allocation). In the City of Palm Coast, CDBG funds have been used to fund the following activities:	

- Housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied units,
- Financial assistance for first-time homebuyers,
- Public Services,
- Public Infrastructure (Multi-use paths), and
- Planning/Administration/Monitoring of the program.

In order to receive CDBG funds, an entitlement community is required to complete a Consolidated Plan/Strategic Plan, and Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan is designed to provide a unified vision for community development actions to meet CDBG goals of decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. The Strategic Plan is an outlay of expected actions and programs to address City needs as consistent with the national objectives and the Annual Action Plan describes the intended use of CDBG funds over the coming year.

The City is to receive \$463,637 in CDBG funds for FFY 2023 (FY 23/24). Consistent with prior years, the following activities are proposed to be funded in the upcoming fiscal year:

- financial assistance to homeowners for home repairs,
- financial assistance for first-time homebuyers,
- provide grant opportunity for public service providers, and
- compliance activities for the CDBG program.

On June 29, 2023, the Citizens Advisory Task Force (the CDBG Advisory Board for City Council), reviewed and made recommendations regarding the proposed allocation of CDBG funds. The proposed allocation is as follows:

ACTIVITY	Allocation
Housing Assistance Activities	
Financial Assistance for Home Repair Owner-Occupied Unit	\$259,092
First-time homebuyers Program	\$100,000
Public Service Activities	
Public Service Grant Program (Max. 15% of annual allocation)	\$69,545
Planning and Administration	\$35,000
TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR FFY-2023 (FY 2023/24)	\$463,637

Recommended Action:
THE CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FFY 2023 (FY 23/24) CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN